

land measuring 14.7 hectare for extension of runway at Rajkot Airport. AAI has been requested to submit a comprehensive proposal with their consent to bear the cost of shifting of existing structures and lease charges as per railways' extant policy.

Perspective planning for production of steel

3035. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the ratio of import and indigenous availability of steel during 2008 and 2009;

(b) whether there is any perspective planning for the Twelfth and Thirteenth Five Year Plan periods which will enable indigenously produced steel to meet increasing requirements of the country by 2020; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to have Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) to ensure optimum utilization of vast natural resources or 'iron ore', 'metal' etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) Data on import, indigenous availability and ratio of import to indigenous availability of finished steel during the years 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as under:

Year	Finished Steel (in million tonnes)		
	Import (a)	Indigenous availability (b)	Ratio of (a) to (b)
2008-09	5.84	58.57	9.9
2009-10*	7.29	63.75	11.4

Source: Joint Plant Committee (JPC); * =provisional

(b) Currently, the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) is in progress. Work for the Twelfth and Thirteenth Five Year Plans has not yet started.

(c) No, Sir. There is no proposal for Public-Private-Partnership in the steel sector as steel is a de-regulated sector and choice of factors such as location, capacity, technology and product-mix of steel projects are decided by the investors based on commercial criteria.